

# God's Authority in the World

Matthew 26:53–54 (NIV®)

<sup>53</sup> “Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? <sup>54</sup> But **how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?**”

## I. Our Time in the Arena

Matthew 24:8–14 (NIV®)

<sup>8</sup> All these are the beginning of birth pains. <sup>9</sup> “Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. <sup>10</sup> At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, <sup>11</sup> and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. <sup>12</sup> Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, <sup>13</sup> but he who stands firm to the end will be saved. <sup>14</sup> And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.”

## II. The Reign of the King

Isaiah 11:6–10 (NIV®)

<sup>6</sup> The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them.

<sup>7</sup> The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox.

<sup>8</sup> The infant will play near the hole of the cobra, and the young child put his hand into the viper's nest.

<sup>9</sup> They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. <sup>10</sup> In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his place of rest will be glorious.

## III. Authority

Matthew 7:28–29 (NIV®)

<sup>28</sup> When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, <sup>29</sup> because **he taught as one who had authority**, and not as their teachers of the law.

Luke 4:6–7 (NIV®)

<sup>6</sup> And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. <sup>7</sup> So if you worship me, it will all be yours.”

Matthew 28:18–20 (NIV®)

<sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

## Standing in the Kingdom

Romans 10:9–10 (NIV®)

<sup>9</sup> That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

Almighty God,

I am a sinner and I need a savior.

I believe Jesus is your son, that He died on a cross for my sins and that You raised Him to life again, for my justification.

Forgive me of my sins.

I forgive all who have sinned against me.

Jesus, be Lord of my life.

I choose to live for Your honor.

Amen.

## Pray for the Sick

1 Peter 2:24 (NIV®)

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

Matthew 8:16–17 (NIV®)

<sup>16</sup> When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick. <sup>17</sup> This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: “He took up our infirmities and carried our diseases.”

## Freedom from Fear

John 14:27 (NIV®)

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

2 Timothy 1:7 (NIV®)

For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

Romans 8:15 (NIV®)

For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship.

## God’s Provision

Philippians 4:19 (NIV®)

And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

2 Corinthians 9:8 (NIV®)

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in **all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.**